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FUNDS TO KERALA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the achievement of Kerala State in social sector reforms compared with other States during the last two years;

(b) whether allocation of funds and projects sanctioned for that State is done in accordance with its achievement in social sector;

(c) if so, the details of funds allocated and projects sanctioned to the State of Kerala during the 10th Five Year Plan Period; and

(d) if not, details of criteria followed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a): The achievement of Kerala in the Social Sector whether it is in the area of educational achievement; health indicators (such as Birth Rate, Death Rate, Infant Morality Rate, Life Expectancy) or empowerment of women is quite noteworthy when compared with other Indian States or the All India Average. Kerala is perhaps one of the few States where one-third budgeted outlay is earmarked for local bodies of which 10% is allocated for women and 5% is spent for the welfare of children, aged and physically challenged.

(b): Yes, Sir. Achievement is only one of the several criterion used for finalizing the allocations to States in the Social Sector with the criterion varying across Schemes in the Central and State Sector.

(c): The approved Plan size for the 10th Five Year Plan of Kerala was Rs.24,000 crore at the level of 2001-02 prices, of which allocation for social service sector was Rs.4360.45 crore.

(d): Does not arise.